

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry infomercial in the form of a propaganda "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of media misuse of public airwaves. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest by giving equal time to opposing views in a timely fashion. By not doing so democracy is harmed. When a company controls a large bloc of the the airwaves, we get, as in this case, more unbalanced views and less of what we need to ensure and strengthen our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank You.